AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 24, as follows:

The present invention is a natural language based information organization and collaboration tool for a computer system. The present invention includes an apparatus and method for processing text expressions in a computer system, the apparatus including: 1) relational object database defining an information object with an associated keyword, project, list, contact, date/time event or enclosure; 2) a user input device for receiving an input text expression; 3) a parsing device for identifying the keyword in the input text expression, the parsing device including functions for linking the input text expression to the information object based on the keyword identified in the input text expression; and 4) a user ~~ouptut~~ output device for displaying to the user the identity of the information object to which the input text expression was linked. The apparatus of the present invention further includes supplemental information in the object database which is related to the information object, and the user ~~ouptut~~ output device further includes functions for displaying the supplemental information when a corresponding keyword is identified in the input text expression. The apparatus of the present invention further includes a method and apparatus for collaboration between users of a time and project management system.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 10, line 9, as follows:

Another device which may optionally be coupled to bus 101 ~~thorough~~ through bus 103 is a hard copy device or printer 124 which may be used for printing instructions, data, or other information on a medium such as paper, film, or similar types of media.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 16, line 21, as follows:

The display of windows ~~and~~ or informational ~~or~~ and functional ~~of~~ regions on a display device is well-known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 15, line 27, as follows:

The ~~the~~ keyword or keywords linking the keynote to a contact object may be displayed in a second color or font type or style.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 22, line 8, as follows:

Keywords~~,~~ can be linked to a variety of different object types including lists, project, contact, document enclosure objects and even dates (e.g., "Dave's Birthday"=6/25).

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 42, line 16, as follows:

The client of the parser DLL allocates a KeywordSuggestion data structure, and passes it along with an input expression using any of the following function calls.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 45, line 8, as follows:

Further details on collaboration support of the present invention are provided in a subsequent section in this document.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 46, line 5, as follows:

The association between the object type and the table in which it resides is retained in the object association table shown in FIG. 16.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 46, line 19, as follows:

As shown, the columns (structure) of the link table includes the specification of a two keys and two object types: key 1, type 1, key 2, and type 2.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 52, line 3, as follows:

This means that the collaboration system ~~can not~~ cannot be used for interacting with individuals outside of the client-server framework.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 60, line 25, as follows:

In one embodiment, the reply list is selected by the delegate by selecting from a preset selection ~~or~~ of replies.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 61, line 11, as follows:

If the reply is negative, the process continues to block 2235. At block 2235, the action request is deleted from the calendar and from the Waiting For category. At this point, the process is closed, since the delegate has refused to complete the request. However, the negative reply remains in the in-box of the ~~delegate~~ requester. Thus, if the requester wishes to reassign the project, he or she can do so using the copy in the in-box.

Please amend the sentence beginning on page 63, line 4, as follows:

However, the original delegate ~~is~~ still has to respond to the original requester.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 81, line 3, as follows:

The present invention can be used to receive and parse an input keynote in the manner described above. In addition, the present invention supports collaboration with other users, each of whom may or may not have the functionality of the present invention. Because a receiver of a keynote may not have the functionality of the present invention, the present invention automatically formats a conventional electronic mail message which can be sent to a receiver or ~~delagate~~ delegate of a keynote. Using the parser 300 as described above, the present invention takes an input keynote and builds

the conventional electronic mail message from information associated with keywords matched in the input keynote. In addition, the present invention also builds a scripted (i.e., encoded) version of the electronic mail message. The scripted version of the electronic mail message is formatted in a structured form to allow a receiver or ~~delagate~~ delegate of the keynote to process the message automatically if the receiver or ~~delagate~~ delegate has the functionality of the present invention. If the receiver or ~~delagate~~ delegate has the functionality of the present invention, the scripted version of the keynote can be interpreted and automatically processed as a keynote on the receiving end. Thus, the present invention, by building an electronic message with both a conventional text format and a scripted format combined in the same automatically generated electronic message, allows keynote collaboration with anyone on the receiving end of such an electronic mail message.